**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: David SCHAIBLE, et al.

Serial No.: 10/010,907

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For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
MICROCRYSTALLINE CELLULOSE**

Examiner: Mark Halpern (Art Unit: 1731)

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

SIR:

In a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 25, 2003 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-identified application, the USPTO advised that Applicants' Response to Office Action dated November 4, 2003 was non-compliant due to improper status identifiers for claims 1, 12 and 18. In response, Applicants herewith resubmits the "Amendments to the Claims" section of Applicants' Response to Office Action, wherein claims 1, 12 and 18 have proper status identifiers, namely "Currently Amended".

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is requested. An early and

favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

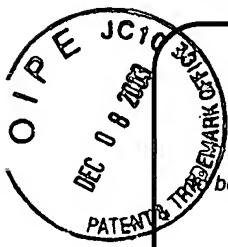
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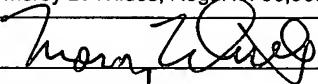
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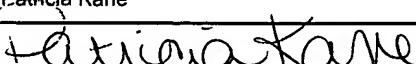
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